

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A reed for weaving, wherein a plurality of reed dents, each including a front edge section and a rear edge section, the reed dents having hollow portions for guiding the weft, are arranged such that said hollow portions are communicated with each other so as to form guide grooves for the weft,

wherein the depths of said hollow portions of the reed dents located at least at one end portion in the weft insert direction are made larger than the depths of the hollow portions of other reed dents and, the nearer the central side in the weft insert direction the reed dents are located, the smaller the depths of the hollow portions are made so as to become approximate to the depths of said hollow portions of said other reed dents, and

wherein, in said reed dents at the one end portion, areas including portions corresponding to said hollow portions in said rear edge sections are projected backward.

2. A reed described in claim 1, wherein the vertical dimension between the upper and lower parts of the hollow portions of said reed dents at the one end portion are made larger than the dimension between the upper and lower parts of said hollow portions of said other reed dents and the nearer the central side in the weft insert direction the reed dents are located, the smaller the hollow portions of the reed dents are made.

3. A reed described in claim 1, wherein said rear edge section of said other reed dents are made flat.

4. A reed described in claim 1, wherein said reed is formed as a single reed.

5. A reed described in claim 1, wherein said reed is formed as a divided reed.